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BUENOS AIRES FOR HOROWITZ

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: ETEL, ITU
SUBJECT: ILO: APPOINTMENT OF AFRICAN ASST DIRECTOR GENERAL

REF: (A) GENEVA 0803 (B) BOGOTA 2947 (NOTAL) (C) LUSAKA 103
AND 105

1. SUMMARY: ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL BLANCHARD TOLD US HE WILL APOINT AN AFRICAN ADG BEFORE THE AFRICAN LABOR MINISTERS MEETING IN TRIPOLI ON APRIL 25. HE REGRETTED HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO INTRODUCE THE NEW ADG IN PERSON AT TRIPOLI. IT SEEMS THAT SKETCHLEY SACIKA, ACTING PERMSED OF THE ZAMBIAN LABOR MINISTRY, HAS THE INSIDE TRACK. END SUMMARY

2. BLANCHARD HAS NARROWED THE FIELD TO SACIKA, A LIBERIAN NAMED WEEKES (PHONETIC) AND AN UNNAMED CANDIDATE PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF GHANA. BLANCHARD SAID HE WANTED TO APPOINT THE GHANA AMBASSADOR IN GENEVA, KKS DADZIE LAST YEAR, BUT THE GOG WITHDREW ITS SUPPORT AND

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PRESENTED A NEW CANDIDATE; BLANCHARD IMPLIED HE WAS NOT IMPRESSED BY THE NEW MAN. BOTH TANZANIAN CANDIDATES (REFA) HAVE WITHDRAWN. BLANCHARD IS LOOKING FOR AN ENGLIS-SPEAKING AFRICAN, PREFERABLY FROM EAST AFRICA (REFA) AND GAVE US THE IMPRESSION HE FAVERED SACIKA. THAT IMPRESSION WAS REENFORCED WHEN WE CONVEYED THE INFORMATION IN REF B TO CLANCHARD'S

CHIEF DE CABINET, BERNARD FORTIN.

3. FOR LUSAKA: IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER BLANCHARD
HAS CONSULTED THE GOZ ON SACIKA'S APPOINTMENT AND
THE ABOVE INFORMATION SHOULD BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.SORENSEN

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